## **Press Release**

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## Macao SAR and Argentine Republic today signed visa waiver agreement

The signing ceremony of "Agreement between the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Argentine Republic on Mutual Visa Waiver" was held today (October 14) at the Macao SAR Government Headquarter.

The Macao SAR Government was authorised by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to conclude the abovementioned Agreement. The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Ms. CHAN Hoi Fan, on behalf of the Macao SAR Government, signed the Agreement with the Consul General of the Argentine Republic, Mr. Gustavo Horacio Luis FAZZARI.

Guests attending of the ceremony were: Ms. WANG Dong, Deputy Commissioner and of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in Macao SAR. Representatives from the Macao SAR Government included Ms. IAO Man Leng, Chief of Office of Secretariat for Administration and Justice, Ms. AO IEONG U, Director of the Identification Services Bureau and Mr. LEONG Man Cheong, Commissioner of the Public Security Police Force. Representatives from the Argentine Republic included Mr. José Gustavo SANTOS, Secretary of State for Tourism of Argentina, Mr. Aldo Anibal ELIAS, Chairperson of Argentina Chamber of Tourism, Ms. Romina NARDI, Foreign Affairs Director (Secretariat of State for Tourism of Argentina) and Mr. Nicolas Daniel PIRRELLO, Consul General of the Argentine Republic in Hong Kong.

The Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the day of its signature. From 13 November 2019 onwards, holders of Macao SAR Passport will have visa-free access to the Argentine Republic for visits of up to 30 days. Likewise, passport holders of the Argentine Republic will also enjoy 30 days' visa-free access to Macao.

Up to date, the total number of countries or territories that have agreed to grant Macao SAR Passport holders visa-free or visa-on-arrival access has increased to 144.



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